

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. In the Office Action of August 23, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Sorge et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,691,281) in view of *Zellweger et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,582). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and addresses the Examiner's disposition below.

Regarding claims 1-6 and 8-16:

Independent claims 1, 8 and 11 each claim subject matter relating to overriding the original content of a cell with a user inputted value, and automatically restoring the original content of the cell based on a user input.

This is clearly unlike *Sorge* in view of *Zellweger*, which fails to disclose or even suggest overriding the content of a cell. *Sorge* teaches a method and system in which spreadsheet data and its formatting can be translated into an HTML document and then translated back again into the spreadsheet. *Sorge*, 4:10-20. For example, *Sorge* teaches that the value and formula for a spreadsheet cell can be translated into an HTML document. *Id.* Since the HTML document includes the formula, the value in the HTML document is updated when one of the variables in the formula changes. *Id.* That is, the value in the HTML document is updated as if it were in the spreadsheet document. The value and formula can then be reinserted from the HTML document back into the spreadsheet. *Id.*

Therefore, *Sorge* merely discusses that calculated values are updated regardless of whether they are in a spreadsheet or in an HTML document. When a value and formula are reinserted back into a spreadsheet cell, the value and formula replace the contents of the cell. That is the original contents of *Sorge*'s cell no longer exist. This is clearly unrelated to overriding the contents of a cell, as claimed in claims 1, 8, and 11. As discussed in Applicant's specification, when a cell is overridden, the original contents of the cell still exist. When a cell is overridden, the original contents are not replaced, they are overridden. As *Sorge* fails to even discuss overriding the original contents of a cell, *Sorge* fails to disclose or suggest claims 1, 8, and 11.

Zellweger also fails to even discuss overriding the original values of a cell. Therefore, *Sorge* in view of *Zellweger* still fails to disclose or suggest claim 1.

Claims 2-6, 9-10 and 12-16 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Regarding claims 7 and 17:

Independent claims 7 and 17 each claim using a stored value to recalculate a cell instead of a formula of the cell.

This is clearly unlike *Sorge* in view of *Zellweger*, which fails to disclose or suggest using a stored value to recalculate a cell instead of a formula of the cell.

As discussed above, *Sorge* teaches a method and system in which spreadsheet data and its formatting can be translated into an HTML document and then reinserted back into the spreadsheet. *Sorge*, 4:10-20. When a value and formula are reinserted back into a spreadsheet cell, the value and formula replace the contents of the cell.

Unlike claims 7 and 17, nowhere does *Sorge* even discuss using a stored value to recalculate a cell instead of a formula of the cell. Instead, *Sorge* merely teaches replacing the original contents of a cell with a value and a formula. Further, *Sorge* merely teaches that a cell's formula is used when recalculating. Nowhere does *Sorge* even discuss using a stored value instead of a formula when recalculating. Therefore, *Sorge* fails to disclose or suggest claims 1 and 17.

Further, *Zellweger* fails to even discuss using a stored value to recalculate a cell instead of a formula of the cell. Therefore, *Sorge* in view of *Zellweger* fails to disclose or suggest claims 7 and 17.

Regarding claim 18:

Independent claim 18 claims a second storage area that stores a numerical value that temporarily overrides a formula.

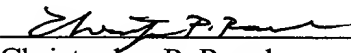
As discussed above, *Sorge* and *Zellweger*, taken singly or in combination, fail to even mention overriding cells or formulas. Instead, *Sorge* merely teaches replacing a cell's contents, including its formula, with a value and formula from an HTML document. When *Sorge*'s cell contents are replaced, the original cell contents no longer exist.

Therefore, *Sorge* in view of *Zellweger* fails to disclose or suggest claim 18.

CONCLUSION

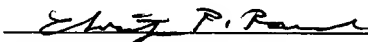
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-18 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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